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DREW AND DUPLESSIS

For some time now there has been a flood of speculation along Parliament Hill about the possibility of the supporters of Premier Drew of Ontario and Premier Duplessis of Quebec going to work together in order to launch an all out attack against the present Government forces when the next general elections are held either in 1949 or shortly thereafter, with the gossip behind the scenes of the Progressive Conservative national convention here peculiarly full of such stories about a coming possible Drew-Duplessis alliance in the near future ever since it became known that Premier Drew was willing to become leader of the Progressive Party.

However, experienced political observers on the Hill do not appear enthusiastic about the likelihood of such a combination though both leaders have been personally good friends and have seen eye-to-eye on many of the Ottawa regime. The common dislike of both Drew and Duplessis of the present policies in Ottawa is admitted by all. Nevertheless it is emphasized by those who know their federal politics that Drew and Duplessis are directly opposed to each other's viewpoints on some mighty important policies of their own. Drew favors large-scale British immigration, British industrial establishments moving into Canada, British Imperialism and other policies which Duplessis may not find as popular within his own political camp. In reverse, some Duplessis' policies are not in accord with what Drew's ardent supporters favor.

In short in the provincial field an accord to oppose the present regime in Ottawa seemed possible but it would be an entirely different story in the federal field so that the e is a strong inclination among experienced political observers along Parliament Hill to discount heavily the flood of stories about a Drew-Duplessis axis operating in the next general election even if behind the scenes of the Progressive Conservative national convention there has been a let up on speculation about it.

TOP LEVEL TALKS

There are hints backstage in the national capital that there is much more a stake in the discussions which have taken place here between Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer and economic czar Sir Stafford Cripps accompanied by no less than eight area try officials and senior members of the Canadian Cabinet as well as high financial experts of the Canadian Government. Indeed these hints are that some of the immediate so-called financial problems of mutual concern to the two Governments are not as important as they seem to be in headlines compared with other bigger issues arising out of the gradual continuous worsening of trade relations between Canada and Britain since the end of hostilities of World War two.

Though the general public across Canada undoubtedly may not realize it at present, yet it has been known in the Nation's capital that the trade relations between Canada and Britain have moved from bad to worse in this crucial postwar period, with evil intentions on the part of either country to allow such deterioration to develop. If just happened through events both here and in the United Kingdom, up to the time of Sir Stafford Cripps' talks here, it was known in this capital that developments were causing confusion and anxiety especially since Canada needed British trade and Britain needed Canada's trade. Still these tiffed barriers of finance and economics and currency restrictions were slowly making things worse and worse.

It may even be reported that several developments seemed to be particularly disliked here such as the newly disclosed British-Russian trade pact, the slow but sure deterioration of British imports from Canada to conserve dollars, the British policy on Sterling conversion, the skyrocketing of British prices for goods which had to come from U.S. since these were barred from U.S. the big obstacle to British firms establishing branch plants in Canada on account of Britain's ban on the export of capital and others.

Therefore, it is hinted now that Sir Stafford Cripps' personal visit to

this capital was, in reality, aimed to smoothen out these over-all obstacles to trade with Canada rather than to merely solve technical problems which could easily have been accomplished by a top-ranking British financial expert so that his talks with Finance Minister Abbot, Trade Minister Howe, External Affairs Minister Pearson and others may bring some important developments shortly.

KEEP THAT SHIRT ON
Judging from testimony given before the royal Commission on Prices here it is clear that the British source of supply for shirt materials is opening up again now but the only kind of materials in unlimited quantities made available to Canadian Manufacturers would cost so much that, as one witness declared, "we couldn't sell the shirts." Likewise another witness said that customers are now "choosy" about shirts they buy demanding in general "low-priced goods of good quality and that's what is hard to get."

PROTEST APPOINTMENT

A strongly worded protest has been made by the St. Jean Baptiste Society in Montreal and the resolution sent here against the appointment of Dr. William K. Lamb of Vancouver as Dominion Archivist to succeed Dr. Gustave Lanctot, 65, who retired Sept. 1 after 11 years in the post, with the protest coming the move saying that the natural successor should have been Norman Fee, the joint chief and a specialist in archives who in turn should have been replaced by Dr. Seraphin Marion his assistant.

SAID IN THE CAPITAL

Canadians believe in the preservation of the Christian concept of the dignity and worth of the individual, said John Diefenbaker here. "They know that parliamentary democracy is the only form of government when it is practised and adhered to in spirit as in fact, whereby the individual can be truly free."

"Do I like the idea of being the wife of a politician? Yes, I do, I think the life will be an interesting one," commented Mrs. L.B. Pearson, wife of the new secretary of State for External Affairs.

"I expect my work in Canada will be over by the end of the year," remarked Jacques Greber, French capital planning expert working on a scheme to beautify Ottawa as this nation's capital.

"There has been a great deal of crime since the war and it seems all ways to follow hostilities," said Mr. Justice George Urquhart in his capital.

"All shirt prices are going to advance before the end of the year," was the forecast of H.H. Warren, executive of a large shirt manufacturing company, during testimony at a hearing here.

"We were very much disappointed we didn't make a better showing in the Olympics," declared Ted Gray, a member of Canada's Olympic Games team upon his return home to this capital.

WEEKLY WIND-UP

Canada's Ambassador in Washington, Hon. Hume Wrong, and Canadian High Commissioner in London Hon. Norman Robertson, held a series of talks in the capital soon after rumors appeared here about resignation plans for the External Affairs Department in the making.

Maybe conditions are changing after all since the Canadian Government says cigar smokers across Canada eased off slightly in the first seven months of this year, with 118,999, 060 cigars being released from bond compared with 123,100,000 last year in the same period.

Amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act passed at the last session of parliament will be brought into force Oct. 4, including a major change concerning rates of contribution since the steady increase in wages has had the effect of mov-

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ing more and more workers into the higher wage groups with the result that under conditions aggregate employee contributions exceed those of and amendments have been made to readjust the contributions.

As a temporary measure on all occasions when orders, decorations and medals are worn with evening dress, miniatures can be worn with dinner jackets by those who cannot find it possible to wear full evening

dress, it is reported here, with indicating the continued shortage of such evening dress in Canada.

Both the Chairman Charles H. Bland and the other member, Stanley G. Nelson, are "career men" on the Civil Service Commission of Canada. It is emphasized here in view of persistent reports that a "non-career" appointment would be made and which has aroused a storm of protest in Civil Service rank and file here, especially since the e is strong opposition to any political appointment to this high post following the death of the French speaking Commissioner, Arthur Thivierge.



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